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### **Joint Fatal Accident Investigation Task Force Wins Chief's of Police Award**

Recently the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (M.A.C.P.) awarded the South Oakland County Crash Investigation Team (S.O.C.C.I.T.) it's "M.A.C.P. Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety." S.O.C.C.I.T. consists of traffic investigators from Troy, Auburn Hills and Bloomfield Township who jointly investigate serious and fatal traffic accidents in their respective jurisdictions.

S.O.C.C.I.T. was started in January of 2011 and the primary objectives in developing S.O.C.C.I.T. was to improve the ability of the communities to get a group of well-trained traffic crash investigators to the scene of a serious or fatal traffic accident as quickly as possible, conduct a thorough investigation, limit the length of time roadways were closed and to do so at the lowest possible costs. This is accomplished by maximizing the use of officers already on-duty in the three cities. Highly specialized equipment and training costs are also spread over three communities and the skills learned are utilized more frequently.

Chief Gary Mayer is impressed with how the force multiplier aspect has benefitted participating cities. "With the loss of personnel for which the police departments of Troy, Bloomfield Township and Auburn Hills have experienced over the last few years, we have continued to provide quality service by still effectively, efficiently and professionally investigating serious and fatal accidents through this partnership"